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Years of experience and practical tests have demonstrated the superiority of wrought-iron Ranges over all other kinds of ranges or cooking stoves, on account of their greater durability, larger cooking capacity, ease of management, certainty of operation, and solid economy in use of fuel. In all these points the "Home Comfort" Ranges stand unrivaled, and the unprecedented demand for them from all parts of the country testifies stronger than words to their great popularity, and the universal testimony of thousands of families, hotels, restaurants, public and private institutions now using the "Home Comfort" is, that they are not only unsurpassed, but unequalled by any other cooking apparatus upon the market.

The improved malleable iron water-heaters used by us are of capacity sufficient to furnish abundance of hot water, and, with our hotel sizes, to, at the same time, operate a steam table connected with the Range, thus cooking all kinds of vegetables, soups, puddings, etc., thoroughly and without danger of burning, by the same fire which heats the ovens, thus doubling its capacity without increasing the amount of fuel used.

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THE "BLIND POOL"

A Wealthy Boarding House Keeper's Speculation in Cotton.

How Miss Laura Hough Was Induced to Put Up a Round Sum—Buying Out the Mythical "Mr. Hinchley"—Profit—A Peculiar Transaction Which Cast Suspicion Upon a Well-Known Cotton Commission Firm—A Compromise and Charges Before the Cotton Exchange.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

New York, December 11.—The Cotton Exchange is excited over charges which have been preferred by three of its members against Ewen Brothers, a large and well-known cotton commission house, at No. 31 Broad street. If these charges are well founded it would appear that this firm has been carrying on, in a more limited way, the "blind pool" business, which proved the ruin of Grant & Ward, and blasted Governor Cornell's hopes of a re-election. The firm is composed of John M. Ewen and Warren Ewen, both young men, but who have been doing a large business in the Exchange, where they enjoyed a good reputation. They lived in rich style in Flushing, L. I., yet they have been arraigned before the Supervisory Committee on charges of unbecomable conduct. Yesterday the trial of the case was concluded. Mr. F. E. Coddington, the attorney, summed up for the complainants and Mr. William L. Flagg for the firm.

Decision is expected to-day. The Ewens believe that it will be in their favor. The system under which the Ewen brothers are charged with conducting the objectionable transactions was by informing their customers that

had been formed; that each of the members had been obliged to retire, and by special favor, "you can step in and take his place, and the profits already secured." There is talk on the Exchange of widespread transactions, but the only case brought to the attention of the Supervisory Committee was that of Mrs. Laura Hough, who keeps a fashionable boarding-house at No. 245 West Fourteenth street. It is alleged that this lady was applied on the 31 of July last, by Ewen Bros., to put \$5,000 into a liquidated pool in cotton. One of the parties, so it was represented to her, had become financially involved by the Grant & Ward failure, and had been obliged to withdraw his interest from the pool. The latter had already made a profit, but, by the terms of the agreement, the profit was not to be divided till September. The pool was "a big thing," and no doubt of it. Mrs. Hough alleged that she was assured that her profit on the \$5,000 would be \$800. She declined to invest \$5,000, but agreed to put \$3,000 into the pool, being guaranteed \$300, the same as if her investment had been \$5,000. September, however, passed without Mrs. Hough hearing anything of her \$3,000. On October 6, however, she received a note informing her that the firm had sold the \$3,000 pool the entire sum, and that she was to receive \$3,000 to carry for her interest in the pool. Against this statement Mrs. Hough protested until the firm said they thought they could still

CARRY HER WITHOUT ANY ASSESSMENT.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Hough considered some of her gentlemen boarders, who advised her to demand a statement by all means. This, it is alleged, the firm refused to produce. Then Mrs. Hough brought a suit, of which, strange to say, no public account has been made, before Judge Barrett in the Supreme Court. Her counsel demanded an examination of Ewen Bros' books. This Judge Barrett ordered. Then Ewen Bros. consented to a compromise, and gave Mrs. Hough their check for \$2,700 and \$800 in cash, \$5,000 in all, or within \$200 of the amount she was promised. The \$200 difference was considered sufficient to base a complaint upon, and the firm was summoned before the supervisory committee of the Exchange. Mr. Warren Ewen is the Exchange member of the firm, and it is upon him that the punishment will fall. The Post-Dispatch correspondent called upon the brothers yesterday afternoon. Mr. Flagg, their attorney, was found with them. At first they declined to say anything, but at length Mr. Flagg

declared that Mrs. Hough was a customer of Ewen Brothers for some time before this affair, having, on May 27, last, deposited a margin for speculation in cotton. On July 3, she came to them for the purpose of making a further deposit of \$5,000 on the same account. She then asked Ewen Bros. to carry out an arrangement which she had made with her friend, Mr. Hinchley, who was also a customer of the firm, whereby Hinchley had agreed that if he should allow her \$500 to take the place of \$5,000 he had in the office, he would give her the \$500 profit on the pool upon the share the \$5,000 represented at the time current prices. She was not to have any risk of decline on contracts in the pool. Mrs. Hough asked the Ewens if they would take Mr. Hinchley's guarantee of \$5,000 to carry for her interest in the pool the same as they did the \$5,000 cash margin in her personal account. Hinchley agreed that that amount of cash could be taken out of the pool for her when it was closed in September. The Ewens accepted his guarantee, and credited her with \$5,000 that day, and she is thought to have been paid for her personal account. When the pool was closed in September, \$3,000 was taken out of Hinchley's account and transferred to Mrs. Hough's account. Meanwhile,

as so to cause a great loss to Mrs. Hough, and as the Ewens believed there would soon be a rise in the market, they thought it advisable for Mrs. Hough to make other purchases in order to recoup her losses the question. They consequently wrote her a letter on October 4, asking her to put up further margins. This she could not do, and so the account ran on with the contracts then in it. Nothing more was heard about the contract until October 10, when a boarder of Mrs. Hough's, Geo. S. Terry, called on the Ewens and demanded a statement of the Hinchley pool account. As he came with no authority and no introduction from Mrs. Hough, the Ewens refused to give him any statement. He called again on the 2d and said Mrs. Hough would consider what he had said on the 10th as

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distinct understanding that no favors were required in the proceedings before the Cotton Exchange, the Ewens have

pressed for a vindication of the integrity of the whole transaction was shown before the committee. The Ewens have no doubt of an honorable discharge.

Mr. Flagg declined to state who "Mr. Hinchley" is, what his full name is, and the place of his residence. The Ewen Bros. are said to have many customers in Troy and elsewhere in the interior, as well as in Flushing.

TRADE TRIBULATIONS.

Depressed Condition of the Dry Goods Business Causing Reduced Salaries.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

New York, December 11.—There is a general depression in the dry goods trade, due to the closing of mills and the gloomy character of the business outlook. This depression is rumored to have given rise to a reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent in the salaries of the

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